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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket No. (Optional)
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In re Application of Yasuaki HIRANO

Application Number 09/598,384 Filed June 21, 2000

For ERASE METHOD FOR NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR STORAGE DEVICE AND ROW DECODER CIRCUIT FOR FULFILLING THE METHOD

Art Unit 2818 Examiner T. Phan

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

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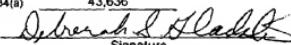
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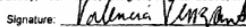
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